Accessing Acker Library and Its Resources

Acker Library supports mainly the staff and faculty and students of the Defense Systems Management College, but is widely used by researchers in defense acquisition and reform. We welcome visitors to use the collection; however, full borrowing privileges are restricted to current DSMC faculty, staff, and students. DSMC alumni may use the library and register for weekend borrowing privileges. Hours of operation are 0630-1730, Monday through Friday, and we are closed on federal holidays.

Program Office staff and others in the acquisition community are also welcome to use the library materials onsite. For materials needed for a longer period of time, interlibrary loans can be arranged through your own technical library.

Acker Library's catalog is available on the Internet at **http://library.dsmc.dsm.mil/**. The David D. Acker Library Home Page not only provides access to the catalog but also guides users to additional Net-based resources and information important to the acquisition community. Our annotated Webpicks list leads users to frequently used Web sites that include comprehensive business and government sites as well as the more familiar military sites.
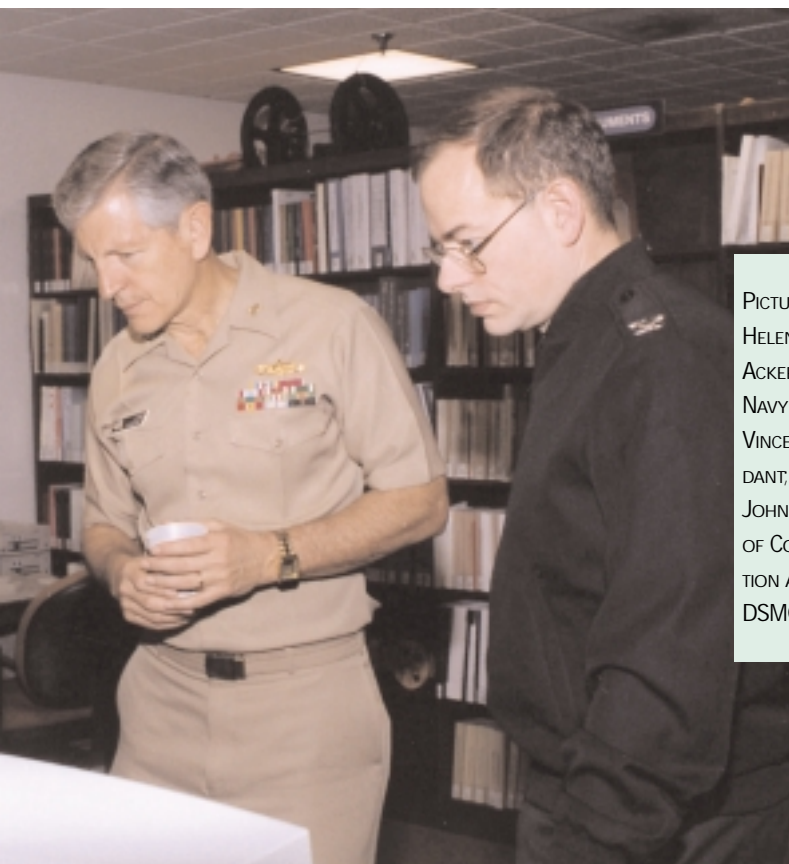
Hotlinks to other repositories of information are also listed. These include the following: Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals (AULIMP); *Commerce Business Daily*; Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) (technical reports); Government Printing Office; Library of Congress; MERLN (Military Education and Research Library Network); Pentagon Library; and THOMAS (Library of Congress web site for legislative information).

Connections to commercial databases are also found on our home page. These can only be accessed from the DSMC main campus: Britannica Online, CCH Government Contracts Service, First Search (periodicals), ProQuest Direct (for business periodicals, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and Standard & Poors.

Instructional tutorials can assist you in finding information in Acker Library and on the Internet. The following tutorials are currently available both on the Web and as printed handouts: CCH Government Contracts Service; Defense Acquisition Deskbook; Directives, Instructions and Regulations; Early Bird; OCLC FirstSearch; Periodical Articles and Indexes; Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage; and information on using the World Wide Web (finding information, terminology, using search engines, and using Netscape).

For additional information about Acker Library and its resources, contact the Reference Desk at (703) 805-4551, or visit the virtual library at **http://library.dsmc. dsm.mil/**. If you haven't discovered us, try our main DSMC Home Page at **http:// www.dsmc.dsm.mil/**.

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tivated to read, they would support and use libraries.

With the cooperation of ALA through local and state committees, and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958. National Library Week is now a national observance for libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries — school, public, academic, federal, state, and special — participate.

The Public Information Office of the American Library Association coordinates the promotion, placing articles and public service advertisements in national media. The President of the United States issues an annual proclamation. Librarians, friends, and trustees of libraries join in sponsoring local promotions.

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